

Other hazards to look out for in your home

___ Does everyone in the home know the number to call in an emergency? **9-1-1**

___ Do you own a pool? Are the A.B.C.'s of pool safety being put to use? Adult Supervision, Barriers, and Classes?

 ___ Are household cleaners locked in a cabinet away from children's reach?

___ Medications are out of reach of children and/or in a locked cabinet?

___ Do you have a portable fire extinguisher in our home? It is recommended an ABC type be kept in the kitchen and garage.

___ Are gasoline and other flammable liquids stored in the correct containers outside of your home?

___ Lighters and matches are stored in a secure area away from children's reach? Be aware of toy-like Lighters. Matches/Lighters are never toys.

___ Does everyone know what to do if your clothes are on fire? STOP, DROP, & ROLL!

___ When using candles are they placed away from curtains and other flammable things? Does an adult put them out before leaving a room or going to bed?



Do you have a home escape plan?

If there is a fire or other emergency does your family have an escape plan? Do you practice it often? In an emergency it is important to be prepared; there will be less panic and more efficient actions.

- Draw a map of your home. Mark escape routes from every room in the home, 2 ways out in case you are trapped.
- When considering escape options make accommodations for small children, the disabled, or older adults.
- Educate everyone on how to open and close windows and doors. Especially if you have security bars!
- If you live in a high rise building make sure you use the stairs for escape, **never the elevator!** Also, have a ladder if practical and/or a flashlight to signal the firefighters if you are trapped.

Check list for safety:

1. **Everyone know the escape plan. Practice often.**
2. **Test your smoke alarm to signal start of your drill.**
3. **Test the door with the back of your hand before you exit any room.**
4. **Crawl low and fast under the smoke.**
5. **Go to outside meeting spot & call 9-1-1 from a neighbors house.**

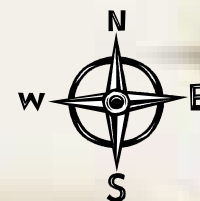
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Hunt for Home Hazards



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Home Hazards Safety Checklist



Kitchen Safety

- ___ Does an adult always stay in the kitchen while food is cooking on the stove?
- ___ Is there a 3 foot "Kid Free" area clearly marked around the stove/oven?
- ___ Counters and areas around the stove are clear of clutter and flammable items.
- ___ Pot handles are always turned in while cooking on the stove?
- ___ Sweets or cookie jars are stored safely away from the stove or oven?
- ___ Adults supervise kids using the microwave to ensure proper usage? Be sure to wait before you get the contents out. It could be hot and scald the skin if spilled.



Heating Safety

- ___ Portable space heaters are always turned off when adults leave a room or go to sleep?
- ___ Space heaters have a 3 foot clearance from anything that can (blankets, people, pets, furniture, etc.)
- ___ Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen made of mesh or glass to catch flying sparks or embers?
- ___ Has your chimney or furnace been cleaned and inspected within the past year?
- ___ Propane and other fuel tanks are stored outside your home?

Smoke Alarms

- ___ Are smoke alarms installed on every floor of the home? Including the basement and outside every sleeping area?
- ___ If your home is two-stories is there smoke alarms installed at both the top and bottom of the staircase?
- ___ Have the batteries been replaced within the last 6 months?
- ___ Have the smoke alarms been tested within the last month?
- ___ Are the emergency exits cleared of toys, furniture, and clutter?
- ___ Does everyone in the family know what to do when smoke alarm?

Electrical Safety

- ___ Electrical outlets are not "over loaded" with multiple plugs?
- ___ If your home uses extension cords, are they being used safely? (not in walkways and tucked under carpets?)
- ___ Electrical cords are in good working condition? No frayed or cracked cords. Let an adult unplug the cord to inspect it.
- ___ Kitchen appliances such as coffee maker, toaster, microwave are plugged into separate outlets? Also, are they unplugged by a grown up

